

## ***NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION***

April 13, 2011  
City Hall – Wing Room 118-119  
200 East Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

<b>Commissioners Present</b>		
Charles E. Jones – D1	Lori Kahn- D1	
Manuel Souza - D2	Marie Arnold - D2	Norma Callender - D2
Beth Shafran-Mukai – D3	Mauricio Astacio – D3	Jaime Angulo-D3
David Biagini – D4	Linda Locke –D4	Rafael Sabic – D4
Elsie Aranda – D5	Ted Johnson - D5	Vacant- D5
David Dearborn – D6	Larry Ames – D6	
Moses C. Ramirez – D7		
Matt Wahlin- D8	Thomas Paramo- D8	
Russ Petruzzelli – D10	Vacant – D10	Vacant - D10
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Ed Brooks- D1	Richard Allen- D6	
Robert Sandoval – D7 (EX)	Bertha Ward- D7 (EX)	Neetu Dhaliwal- D8 (EX)
Hugh Graham- D9	Jim Cantore – D9	Melisa McCoy-Evans – D9 (EX)

**Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Deborah Sherrell, Devony Taylor– Neighborhood Development Center

(a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai.

(f) Councilmember Report (Item heard out of order)

Councilmember Pete Constant-District 1 provided a brief budget update and encouraged residents to express their voices at the budget meetings.

Councilmember Constant spoke about the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries that the City Council has been discussing. He mentioned that there has been low representation from the community when the City Council has discussed this item. He encouraged the commissioners to help get the community perspective heard by attending the Council meetings or speaking with the Councilmembers.

Roll Call by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai. Quorum was reached.

(b) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Souza and second by Commissioner Callender the minutes were approved.

(c) Ceremonial Items – none

(d) Open Forum

- Darryl Ospring from Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association spoke regarding concerns for the future of the Anti-Graffiti program, and the potential impacts outsourcing might have on the quality of service and to the level of volunteerism in the Anti-Graffiti program.

(e) Consent Calendar – None

(g) Presentation and Discussion Items

- (1) Dr. Terry Christensen from the San Jose State University gave a presentation about redistricting and shared some of the options for shifting district boundaries. Dr. Christensen shared that the City of San Jose redistricting webpage contains all of the maps and additional information. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions.

- (2) Gabrielle Antovich, Executive Director of Voices United talked about the effects of alcohol on young people. The current focus of Voices United is to establish a Social Host Ordinance just as many other cities and the county have done. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions.

Toward the end of the meeting Commissioner Aranda revisited this item to request that the presentation materials be shared with the commissioners and that the Commission write a letter of support for the Social Host Ordinance. The Chair indicated that the item would need to be agendaized for action at a future meeting. Commissioner Petruzzelli asked if commissioners could prepare a draft letter of support to submit for consideration at the next meeting. Commissioners Souza, Callender, Dearborn and Johnson expressed agreement that the commission should take action in support of the Social Host Ordinance.

- (3) Discussion on 2011-2012 Proposed Budget Recommendations

Commissioner Jones shared that several Community Budget meetings have occurred so far with good representation from Neighborhoods Commissioners. Commissioners had the opportunity to share their observations and recommendations regarding the budget sessions. Commissioner Jones requested that commissioners send their feedback to the Budget Ad-Hoc subcommittee so that the information can be incorporated into the Budget Recommendations.

(h) Informational Items

- (1) Committee Reports: Verbal Reports

(a) Executive Sub-Committee

Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai mentioned the upcoming budget meetings and encouraged Commissioners to attend them.

(b) Work Plan Sub-Committee

Commissioner Astacio announced that the Sub-Committee Chair, Commissioner Dhaliwal is working on updating the Work Plan. Mr. Guzman indicated that the Work Plan report will go to council at the end of the fiscal year.

(c) Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee

Commissioner Whalin spoke that neighborhood groups have a voice and should have one representative attend the budget sessions and utilize best practices.

(d) Caucus Sub-Committee

Commissioner Biagini stated the subcommittee continued the discussion on recommendations for the caucus process. The discussion included the number of commissioners per district and the process for changing from three to two commissioners for district. The subcommittee also discussed the process for mid-term caucuses.

(e) Ad Hoc Budget Sub-Committee – Updates were discussed as part of item (g)(3)

(f) Policy 6-30 Work Group

Commissioner Dearborn reported that work has been put on hold as city staff handles other priorities.

(g) Trees Working Group

Commissioner Kahn reported that the Trees Working Group met with Our City Forest and two certified arborists on March 30<sup>th</sup>. They received information on Our City Forest's priorities and trees for the City of San Jose. The group has been moving slowly and has a lot of information to compile.

Mr. Guzman mentioned that there is interest from the community to hold a Community Café on the topic of street trees and best practices.

(i) Staff Report

Mr. Guzman announced that the Wing Rooms will be closed during the month of July so any July meeting will have to take place in a different location.

Commissioner Aranda asked for an update on the timeline for the recommendation for extending the Neighborhoods Commission from a pilot to permanent. Mr. Guzman indicated the recommendation will go to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in June.

(j) Correspondence – None

(k) Adjournment

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

(I) Next Meeting-Wednesday, May 11, 2011-6:30-9:00p.m., City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113